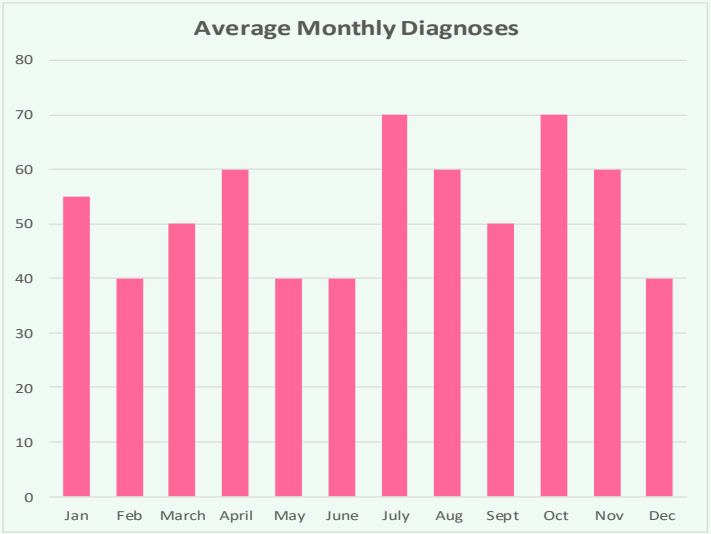
Testing for over 30 disorders

Newborn Screening

It's more than **PKU!**

Newborn Screening began in the 1960's with the intent to identify one disorder in babies, Phenylketonuria or PKU. Today this screening has expanded to include over 30 disorders. The name "**Newborn Screening"** encompasses all testing done to identify these devastating and potentially fatal disorders in babies to ensure they are diagnosed quickly and receive the care they need.

Every year, DCLS and the VA newborn Screening Program screens about 98,000 babies for 30+ metabolic and hereditary disorders. Of those, **over 600** will be identified as having one of these disorders.



Calling Newborn Screening "the PKU test" can and has led to misinformation being relayed to parents, misdirected actions taken by doctors and has caused delays in making a diagnosis. The ability to receive accurate information and respond quickly is critical for improving the quality of life for these infants.

Doctors, nurses, midwives and all medical professionals are strongly encouraged to use the terminology "**Newborn Screening"** to provide an accurate name that is not misleading and that all new parents and physicians will recognize.

Newborn Screening includes these AND MORE:

- Cystic Fibrosis
- Galactosemia
- Hypothyroidism
- Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD)
- Biotinidase
- Pompe
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Severe Combined Immune deficiency (SCID)
- Isovaleric Acidemia
- Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)
- Mucopolysaccharidosis type 1 (MPS1)

Know the name. Use the name. **Newborn Screening**

Visit the DCLS or VDH websites for more information on Newborn Screening

Virginia Newborn Screening Services
Keeping Virginia's Babies Healthy One Foot at a Time